I would like to express my views regarding allowing consumers to retain their telephone number. I would strongly desire to retain my phone number without being forced to stay with a telephone company that may not be meeting my needs. In my very small informal survey everyone that I have spoken to either strongly wants this or would like it if available. There are times when a person wants a new number but in most cases it is a hassle to contact all your friends and family and give them the new number. Then when the people receive the new number they may have to program one or more phones with the new number. People want this because it will make there lives easier.

thank you James Block